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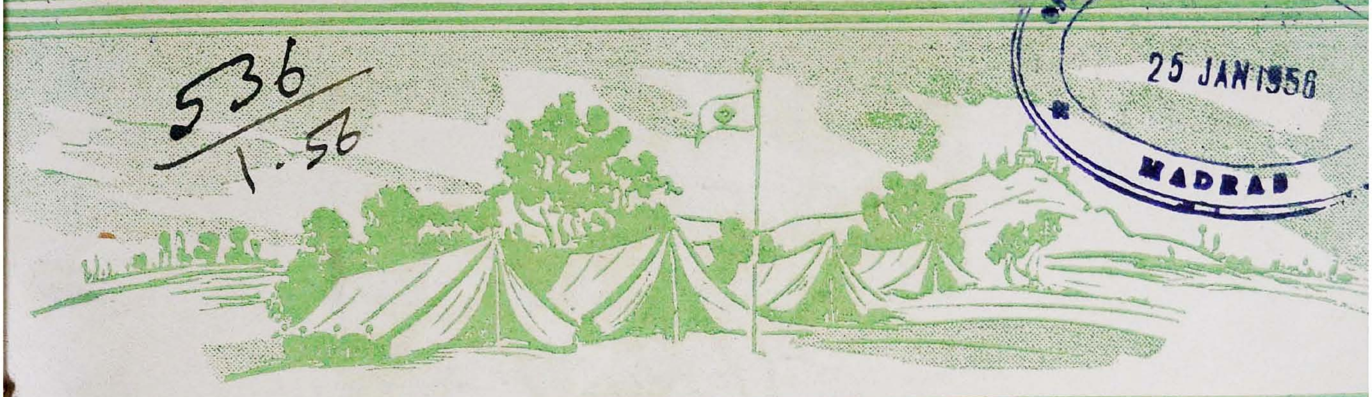

MESSAGE TO GUIDES FROM THE WORLD DIRECTOR

DAME LESLIE WHATELEY, O.B.E.
Director of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

I HAVE BROUGHT YOU GREETINGS from your sister Guides all over the world. Now I want to thank you most sincerely for the wonderful welcome you have given me and tell you that although I may be far away in person, I am still with you in mind and thought. Wishing you all the very best of everything which you can get through your Guiding. In the next issue of *The Council Fire* you will be able to read about my visit to India. With affection I ask you to remember the proverb I quoted so often: "The good we do to-day becomes the happiness of to-morrow". Thank you again and my warmest congratulations on what you have achieved since my visit in 1952.

Leslie E. Whateley

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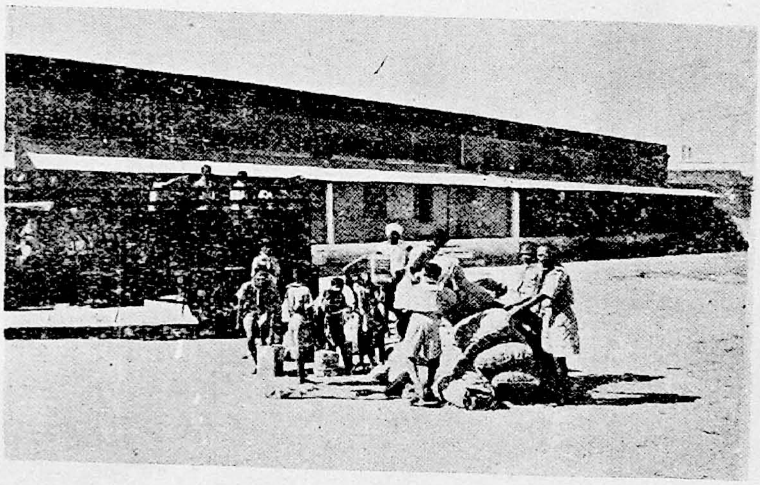
Scouts waiting with their collections (Cyclone Relief)
for the Lorry.



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OURSELVES

Mr. Siebold :

We extend a very hearty welcome to Mr. P. A. Siebold, Assistant Secretary, Liaison, Boy Scouts International Bureau, London to Madras. He is the liaison Officer between Scouting countries and the International Bureau. He tours round the various countries on behalf of the International Bureau and generally fosters the ideal of International Brotherhood and co-operation. He is in Madras only for two days, 24th and 25th of January '56 and we have fixed up a fairly busy programme for him so that he might see as much as possible of Scouting and Guiding in Madras. He visits Mahabalipuram and also Poonamallee where he will see our handicapped Scouts (Blind). He is attending a joint Rally at which His Excellency the Governor Shri Sri Prakasa will preside. We are sure his visit to Madras will prove a great inspiration and encouragement to Scouting and Guiding.

Sri Bajpai :

As we go to Press we are informed of the sudden passing away of the National Organising Commissioner, Pandit Shri Ram Bajpai, the G.O.M. of Scouting in India. Bajpai was the household name in every Scout home in India. He was greatly loved and admired by one and all for his love and services to the Scout movement.

He dies in harness and he would not yield to any one in his dedicated work for our movement. It is usual to say that it is difficult to fill his place. There is no such thing as filling one's place, one lives a life, unique in itself and leaves and that is all. The Bharat Scouts and Guides is poorer by his passing away, but he has left behind him, his great qualities of a true Scout for the others to draw inspiration from and emulate his example. May he rest in peace is our prayer.

A Very Happy, Useful and Prosperous Year to you all in 1956

The Indian Conference of Social Work :

One of the very successful and joyful Conferences is, the one that was held recently in Bangalore under the auspices of the Indian Conference of Social Work. The Conference drew about 800 delegates from various

parts of the country, at which also international representatives were present. Madame Soon Ching Ling, Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National people's Congress of the People's Republic of China also attended and addressed. Apart from this the Conference provided an opportunity to meet each other, exchange views and understand the view points of each other. Many subjects relating to the welfare of various sections of our people, such as tribal welfare, child welfare etc., etc.. were considered and useful conclusions were arrived at. At a time when our country is fast becoming a welfare State, the Conference naturally assumes an important place and therefore of value to those who participate.

Our Association was represented by Mr. V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, and Mrs. Clubwala Jadhav, though she had other Associations to represent also. The State Secretary had an occasion during this Conference to visit the Dodballapur (Mysore State) Scout Camping Centre accompanied by Mr. Abdul Gaffar, State Secretary, and addresed the members of the Wood Badge Camp which was in session then under the guidance of Dr. S. Kousik, Deputy Camp Chief. He also visited the State Headquarters and one fine Scout group of the Acharya Patasala and understand something of the Scout work done by Mysore State Association. Mrs. Clubwala Jadhav was elected Vice-President of the Conference for three years and Mr. V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, member of the National Executive for three years.

Mannarghat Rally :

The State Chief Commissioner, Mr. K. Venkataswami Naidu, accompanied by the State Secretary, Mr. V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, and Miss G. R. Samuel, Headquarters Commissioner (Guides) attended the District Annual Rally Camp of the South Malabar Bharat Scouts and Guides Association on the 7th and 8th of this month. The State Commissioner (Scouts) Mr. N. D. Sundaravadivelu was also there to inaugurate the Camp on the first day. Mr. Gopala Menon, Speaker of the Assembly presided over the last day's function, the Rally. This Camp was so arranged, that one could see and as it were, cut efficiency, enthusiasm and the right spirit. About 400 Scouts and Guides attended this Camp and they were very well looked after by local Committees which is an example of hearty co-operation. The leaders themselves are to be praised for this good organisation. Mr. Ramani Karikkar, Assistant State Commissioner, Dr. R. Padmanabhan the District Commissioner (Scouts), Miss Saraswathi Madhava Raja the District Commissioner (Guides) and Messrs. A. V. Krishna Iyer, K. U. K. Nair, A. Appukutty Nair, K. C. Kochunny Nair, S. Seshy Iyer and all the Assistant District Commissioners, particularly Mr. Balakrishnan and other co-workers deserve every praise. At the back of it all was Mr. J. I. Muthiah, our State Organising Commissioner who is much sought after person in the Camp by all. Those who attended this Camp cannot but be impressed with what he saw and convince himself that given the right lead, Scouting and Guiding can and will impart the best training to our children. " Well done, South Malabar "

Republic Day Parade:

The Government of Madras has very kindly invited our Scouts and Guides to join the Republic Day celebrations. This is the first time after independence that we have been invited to take part officially and the Association has accepted the invitation and has taken steps to participate in the functions. We are sure our Scouts and Guides will give a good report of themselves in this matter. We rejoice at the fact that Scouting and Guiding is not only in this, but in other matters, such as Rural Camps, the Community Project and National Extension Services as well as in the Relief Work for the people of the Cyclone affected areas, is proving its usefulness and playing an important role in the matter of National service of the various types. The year 1955 has been one of strenuous service and 1956, will, we hope prove equally strenuous if not more in the services of our fellow-beings.

Bombay's lead:

Elsewhere is published a questionnaire issued by the Committee appointed by the Government of Bombay to popularise and give a re-orientation to Scouting and Guiding. This is in our view a very good and forward step and the results we hope will prove greatly helpful to enable us to re-organise the movement to suit our conditions, and requirements. Those who are able to answer these questions are requested to send them to the State Headquarters for being forwarded to Bombay. They are requested not to send them direct.

—*Editor*

U.S. Women Grow Trees to help Finance Girls' Camp

TEXARKANA, Arkanasas—Thousands of United States farmers maintain woodlots, from an acre to hundreds of acres in size, and make money from the timber they grow. Throughout the nation hundreds of 4-H (farm youth) clubs conduct timber projects to learn about the growing of various types of trees and to earn some pocket money in the process. Lumber companies maintain large tracts to provide stocks for their yards, and pulp and paper companies have forests to assure sufficient material for their mills.

But Miller County, is Southwest Arkansas—a state in the U. S. mid-south believes it has the only "tree farm" in the United States that was started and has been supervised by a group of clubwomen.

The women, members of 19 home demonstration groups in Miller County, met in March, 1941 to carry out a project they had decided upon during the winter before. They gathered at the camp grounds of the Young Women's Christian Association, a place which provides recreation for girls and young women from the area surrounding Texarkana in Arkansas, Texas and Oxlahoma. The camp grounds were barren and needed trees to beautify them.

The original agreement was that each woman belonging to the clubs would plant one tree. Forest specialists from the University of Arkansas came to the camp grounds to advise the women. At the end of a day, the trees were all planted, and each small tree bore the name of the woman who had planted it.

The idea caught on, and the tree farm became an important community project. Members of the clubs, maintaining their interest through the years, have often visited the tree farm to see the results of their work—and to do what has been necessary to maintain the plot.

This year foresters went through the plot and decided that a first crop could be taken for pulpwood -that it should be taken, in fact, if the remaining trees were to have enough room for growth.

This first cutting of trees for the pulpwood market brought a return of 29. 76 per acre. A second cutting, six years hence, is expected to be even more profitable. Forest experts say the yield then may bring a profit of 120 an acre (296 hectars).

Profits from the project are going to the Young Women's Christian Association, on whose grounds the woodlot is situated, to finance its educational work with girls and to provide improvements for the camp.

(True Copy)

DISTRICTS AT WORK

SCOUT & GUIDE RALLY IN TIRUCHIRAPALLI—23-11-1955

Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu, M.A., L.T., Director of Public Instruction and State Scout Commissioner, Madras visited Tiruchirapalli on the 23rd November 1955. The District Scout and Guide Association of the Bharat Scouts & Guides put up a Rally on the Bishop Heber High School, Teppakulam grounds at 4-30 P. M. on 23-11-1955. The State Scout Commissioner was received and introduced to the Scout Officers. Sri T S. Swami Desikachari, District Commissioner welcomed the Director of Public Instruction and other distinguished visitors. At the march past, the State Commissioner took the salute and Sri A. D M. Prakasam, Assistant District Commissioner was in charge of the Rally. The March Past was followed by a variety entertainment in which Scout Troops and Guide companies took part. The choice items were very much appreciated by the State Commissioner and the Public. 400 Scouts and Cubs and 350 Guides and Bulbuls took part in the Rally.

The State Commissioner in his message to the Scouts and Guides pointed out the need for discipline and exhorted the Scouts and Guides to follow the path of duty.

Sri A. D. M. Prakasam, Hon. Secretary proposed the vote thanks to the President, the distinguished guests and the public of Tiruchirapalli. With the singing of Jana Gana Mana, the happy function came to a close.

GIRL GUIDE TRAINING COURSE AT STANLEY PARK, COONOOR

The Flock Leaders Training Course was inaugurated at the Stanley Park camping Centre, Coonoor, by Sri B. Shankar Rao, B. A., (Hons), District Collector, Nilgiris and the President, Bharat Scouts and Guides, Nilgiris, on Saturday the 17 December 1955. Mrs. R E. MacLaine Clarke, District Commissioner (Guides) received the District Collector and the Visitors and took them round the Stanley Park. Mr. Abdul Salam, Chairman, Coonoor Municipality, Sri B. K Bella Gowder, Vice-President, Sri Kannapiran, Commissioner, Coonoor Municipality, Mr Kalyanaraman, Municipal Engineer and other distinguished visitors were present at the function. Mr. R. E. MacLaine Clarke, Manager, Craigmore Estate was garlanded by the Trainees for the help rendered to the camp. Miss Durai Raj, Joint State Organising Commissioner, was in charge of the course Mr. V. P. Ramaswamy, Assistant Deputy Camp Chief spoke about the help rendered by the Municipality to the camp site. The District Collector spoke while inaugurating the course that the Guide Training is the most important to our girls and hoped that many such training courses will be conducted for the girls so that our future generation will be fitted to be well disciplined.

38 Lady Teachers from all over the District have come for the training. Mr. N.R. Bojarajalu Naidu, District Commissioner proposed a vote of thanks.

NORTH MADRAS

1. 15 Rover Scouts of Asoka Crew attended the Sanskrit Virna Parishad at Tirupati to assist the delegates and other members of the public in finding accommodation and various other arrangements in connection with the above meeting."

2. On 25-12-1955 Vaikunta Ekadesi day about 20 Rover Scouts rendered services to the workshippers at the Bairagi Matam Temple from 4 A. M. to 1 P. M. and their services were of great help to the devotees in regulating the crowd.

3 The crew assisted Uthar Bharatiya Sangh, Madras in collecting 3000 pieces of old and new clothes in Sowcarpet area for distribution among the flood striken people of Southern Districts.

4. Gokhale Rover Crew celebrated their 17th annual meeting with Mr. G. Venkatachalapathy in the Chair.

Messrs. S. Kuppuswamy, B. A., R. Messiah Doss, M. Ram Mohan, V. Thiagaraja Pillai and C. S. Natesa Mudaliar spoke on that occassion.

Their annual reports records the several activities of service by the members of the crew.

The Scout Trail from East to West

By

F. J. VAN DER VEER

Commissioner of the Boy Scouts of Indonesia

BEING due for home leave in July 1955, we decided to make it a Scout trail from East to West, in fact from Indonesia (Djakarta) to Holland (Amsterdam), and to visit our brother and sister Scouts and Guides on the K. L. M. (Royal Dutch Air-lines) route and to include a special side-trip to India (Madras) where we had special friends and relations to visit.

The day before we left Djakarta we had our last H. Q. meeting where we said good-bye to our good companions, Commissioners, with whom we had shared four years of Scout activities in Indonesia, sometimes under difficult conditions.

On 17th July they landed us at Bangkok, where we were met at the K L. M. rest-house by two Scout executives of the National Boy Scouts of Siam, Messrs. Booncher and Smathayaja, who showed us round the beautiful temple-city of Bangkok the next day, and who took us to the Amnuay School at Dhonburi in the afternoon, where we found practically the whole school in Scout uniform waiting for us.

After a walk round the classrooms all the Scouts gathered round the school sports grounds and for nearly two hours gave us a fine display of Scout activities, including camp-craft, drill, different kinds of self defence, first aid, knotting, pioneering, etc. The school has a smart drum band and a fine collection of log-books.

It was a most hearty welcome and we enjoyed the show very much.

In some ways Scouting in Thailand is different from what we are used to. There are no Wolf Cubs and no Girl Guides All Scouts wear the same scarf. Scouting is part of the school programme, the Scouters are all teachers But the friendship and good spirit were the same as everywhere and we felt quite at home among our Siamese friends.

From Bangkok we flew to Colombo on the 19th and the next morning early to Madras. Here we spent five happy days, visiting several institutions of interest and making friends with Indian Scouts, especially with the State Secretary for South India, V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, and his family. We were invited to a Scouters' meeting on Saturday evening, where the State Chief Commissioner, Sri Venkatasami Naidu and many others were present: they showed a keen interest in Indonesian Scouting, and we were given the opportunity of giving a talk on the subject.

The most outstanding feature which did strike us is the organization of rural camps for Scouts to do important jobs in isolated villages, and in which the Girl Guides also take part. Such works as road-building, sanitary works, nursing, proper feeding, etc., are being done during three weeks' camps of town Scouts, Groups and Districts alternatively, and not only being of practical help, but also, re-establishing the bonds between the town and the village population. We suggest our Scout brothers from South India send in a report to World Scouting in order to induce other countries, especially Asiatic Countries, to do the same.

Passing back through Colombo, we were in a position to pay a visit to the headquarters of the Boy Scouts of Ceylon, situated attractively and well laid out at the border of the lake. There are three buildings, one the Sea Scout H. Q., one the District H. Q. and one the National H Q. All these buildings are owned by the B. S. A. and erected from funds they earned themselves by productive work, and partly only by gifts. We must congratulate our brother Scouts of Ceylon having such well-organised and well-managed H Q, where their Secretary, Mr. Abayakoon, kindly showed us round the place.

The next stop, on 26th July, was Karachi, where we found the Hon. Secretary. Mr. Shula, and a number of other Scouters, very busy, organising the contingent of thirty Pakistan Scouts to the Jamboree in Canada We visited the National as well as the District H. Q., and met several people, including some Scouts and leaders who were

going to take part in the Jambore contingent, and where we very much got the impression of a hard-working and efficient band of men and boys. Particularly interesting to us was the fact that the Jamboree contingen were going to fly to Amsterdam by K. L. M,

Here, too, everybody was highly interested in the organization of Scouting in Indonesia, particularly in regard to Moslem Groups. We were glad to be in a position to give information.

On 29th July we continued our trail and landed at Beirut, where we spent a few interesting days, visiting some historic places up country, including Damascus. Much to our regret efforts to get in touch with Scout headquarters were unsuccessful, although we met several Scouts and Rovers on hike.

With a one-and-a-half-day's hike through Rome, we reached at last, on 3rd August, our final destination, Amsterdam, and on the 6th we had our first contacts with Scouting in Holland, when we visited the Jamborettee near Amersfoot, where 300 Scouts. of which 125 were from other countries, were camping together. We met Scouts from England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, the U. S A., Denmark and Norway, all camping in mixed Troops, and thus coming in much closer contact with each other and with the guest country than is usually the case in big Jamborees. The vary day we met, there was a smart march past for Queen Juliana of the Netherlands at the Soestdijk Palace, and representatives of each foreign contingent were presented to the Queen, who had an informal talk with each.

Thus, our first contact with Scouting in the West was as interesting and friendly as it had been in the East, and we hope to have many more meetings with our brother Scouts on our coming journeys.

'WORLD SCOUTING'

The Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State

Visit of Mr. P. A. Siebold, Assistant Secretary, Liaison, Boy Scouts International Bureau, London to Madras State.

PROGRAMME

24-1-1956	10-20 A.M.	Arrival Reception at the Air Port, St. Thomas Mount—Scouts and Guides to present a Posse of Welcome.
	12-30 Noon	Lunch with Commissioners and Secretaries at the State Headquarters.
	2-30 P.M.	Visit to Fort Museum and Church (Mrs. & Mr. Walawakar in charge)
	3-30 P.M.	Visit to Mohite Play Ground (Childrens treat)
	4-30 P.M.	Visit to Sea Scouts.
	5-30 P.M.	Meet the State Executive Committee at Tea.
	7-00 P.M.	Entertainment by Guides (Silver Jubilee Celebrations—West Madras).
	8-00 P.M.	Dinner and Camp-Fire (Subscription Dinner at Rs. 1/8/- per head).
25 1-1956	7-30 A.M.	Visit to Groups (Shivajis) Proceed to Mahabalipuram.
	1-30 P.M.	Proceed to Poonamallee. Visit Scout Group for Blind Boys.
	4-30 P.M.	Scout and Guide Rally. (Presidency College Grounds).
	8-00 P.M.	State Chief Commissioners' Dinner—at "Appah gardens".
26-1-1956	7-30 A.M.	Departure from Air port to Bangalore Posse of farewell by Scouts and Guides.

Madras-5.
Dated, 24-12-1955.

V. S. RATNASABHAPATHY,
State Secretary.

Reorganisation & Popularisation of Scout Movement in Bombay State

THE Government of Bombay have been pleased to appoint a Committee to consider the question of re-orientation and popularisation of the Scout Movement in the Bombay State with a view to bring it in line with the social and educational requirements of an independent country. The Committee has also been asked to consider how a change-over from English to Hindi can be accomplished expeditiously and smoothly and how the Movement can be effectively co-ordinated with the other Youth Movements as A.C.C., Physical Education and also to receive suggestions for the improvement of the training programme of Scouters and Guiders.

The questionnaire issued by the committee is given below for the information of those who are interested in Scouting and Guiding.

—Editor.

SECTION 1.

1. Name. 2. Age. 3. Occupation. 4. Address of the person who answers questionnaire.

5. Are you/were you in active contact with the Movement.

(a) as a cub, scout, rover, bulbul, girl guide, ranger or Scouter/Guider;

(b) as a member of the group committee, local district or State Association or Executive Committee of these bodies. Give full details and exact period of active contact in each capacity.

6. Have you been associated with A.C.C./N.C.C. Physical Education, Akhadas, Vyayam Shalas or any other youth activity and if so, in what capacity and for how many years?

7. If you are working in a School, please state.

(a) No. of pupils in the School:
Boys ....Girls

(b) No. of Scout Groups & Guide Companies.

(c) Total number of scouts and guides in the school.

(d) No. of teachers trained in Scouting/Guiding

(e) Are all of them running their own groups?

(f) If not, why?

8. If you are parent.

(a) Has your child enrolled himself/herself in the Movement of his/her own accord or at your suggestion?

(b) Have you found any marked change in his/her behaviour since enrolment?

(c) Does the participation of your child in the Movement affect his studies adversely?

(d) Does this Movement make heavy demands on your purse?

(e) What are your suggestions to make this Movement more popular?

9. In view of the change that has come over the thought and life and education of our country that is now free, which of the aims and objects of the Movement would you particularly emphasise?

10. What are the factors that have so far militated against the realisation of these objectives? Suggest ways of overcoming the handicaps.

11. Hitherto the Movement has been confined largely to educational institutions. How should it be reorientated so as to make it a movement of the people?

12 In view of the new set-up, how should the training of Scout/Guide leaders be oriented?

SECTION II.

13. (a) What is the exact place of Scouting in Primary and Secondary Schools?

(b) Should it be compulsory or voluntary?

(c) If compulsory, at what stage and up to what age?

(d) Should it stop at any stage altogether?

(e) Would that be educationally sound?

(f) Should scouting be an official, non-official or semi-official Movement?

(g) Which of these three forms is best suited for its quickest and widest spread?

(h) Should the State Government exercise greater control over the Movement and if so, how?

(i) Now that the Bharat Scouts and Guides have come into existence as an amalgamated body of all the old Association of the Scout and Guide Movement, do you think that any precautions are necessary to avoid the starting of another Scout/Guide association in this State or the country? If so, what precautions should be taken?

(j) Since the principles underlying the Movement are the same, would you like to use the term "Scout" for both boys and girls?

14. In the present organisation of the State, District and Local Associations conducive to the realization of the aims of the Movement? What are the defects and shortcomings, suggest ways of improvement.

15. In view of the fact that the Movement has not been as popular as it should have been, do you think that decentralization would help to spre d the Movement? If so, suggest ways of decentralisation.

16. In order to raise the level of the efficiency of the organisation, what do you think should be the educational and Scout qualifications of the persons in charge of the organisation and training?

17. From the point of view of efficiency and gaining public confidence, what type of people should be appointed as Hon. Commissioners at all levals considering their interest. integrity and status in society.

18 State what are the usual activities carried on by your Local Association.

19. What is the State of the finance of your local association? Have you any suggestions for expanding their resources?

SECTION III

20. What kinds of co-curricular activities are there in your School?

21. Is Scouting one of them?

22. How much time do you devote:

(a) to all activities ..... hours per week.

(b) to Scouting ..... hours per week

23 Do you feel the need for more time for these activities?

24. How much more? For what activity?

25. Do you make any difference between the Middle School and High School stage for these activities?

26. Which other activities you would have given the time and facilities.

27. Please give your list of all co-curricular (extra-curricular) activities in the following order:—

Serial No.
Name of activity.
Time per week.
Remarks.

28. (a) Should Scouting be replaced by A. C. C. at some stage, or should it go on?

(b) Do you favour giving preference to Scouts for selection to the A. C C.?

(c) Do you think it possible to have an integrated programme comprehending Scouting, Physical Education and A. C. C. activities during the period of Secondary School education. If so, please suggest how.

29 Do you think there is any conflict of loyalty between the A. C. C. and Scouting? If so, how can it be adjusted?

30. How are the following activities

Physical Education, Scouting, A. C. C., Sports and Athletics, Dramatics etc. to be properly harmonised and co-ordinated to avoid over-lapping and undue strain on the pupil or the teacher;

31. How can Scouting be integrated with Primary and Secondary syllabus since it is essentially a citizenship training and a character-building programme?

32. How should it be co-ordinated with other youth activities such as Social Service Camps and Holiday Camps?

33. Should the school year begin in November to provide the best possible time for all outdoor co-curricular activities?

SECTION IV.

34. For purpose of reorientation what are the changes that you consider essential in the training of

(1) Head-Masters & Teachers of Primary Schools.

(2) Head-Masters and Teachers of Secondary Schools.

(3) Principals and Teacher of Training Institutions and Inspecting Officers.

(4) Scouters :—
 (a) Preliminary
 (b) Advanced

(5) Guiders
 (a) Preliminary
 (b) Advanced

(6) Scouts and Guides

35. Would you differentiate in training from the point of view of locality i. e.
 (a) Urban areas
 (b) Rural areas

36. (a) What changes do you suggest in the uniform to make it simple and cheap from the point of view of the schools' own uniforms?

(b) Can the spirit of Scouting be inculcated without the Uniforms ?

37. (a) What changes and improvement do you suggest in the methods of training (specify the category for which the training is meant)?

(b) What changes do you suggest in the content of the training programme ?

(c) What changes do you suggest in duration, time, place, etc. ? (Specify the type of training).

38. What type of refresher courses should be organised for Scouters and Guiders and what should be the duration of these courses ?

SECTION V.

39 Why has Scouting stuck largely to the cities ?

40. Is it generally a mere show?

41. How can it be popularised in rural areas ?

42. How can the village youth be attracted to this Movement ?

43. What should be done to make it more popular in cities also ?

44. (a) What particular efforts should be made to make Guiding more popular ?

(b) How can the youth be attracted more to Rovering?

45. How should we secure parental co-operation ?

46. What co-operation do you expect of the Education Department and of the State HQ to introduce and make Scouting successful ?

47. What are your difficulties in giving full encouragement and co-operation to Scouting/Guiding?

48 What step should be taken to rectify the deficience of suitable literature, including periodicals, in the languages of the State ?

49. What forms of propaganda do you suggest to make the Movement popular with the young and public ?

50. The success of the Movement is largely assessed on the number of the Open Groups. Have you any, and if so, how many groups of this type in your area ? What can we do to increase their number ?

SECTION VI.

What are the difficulties in recruiting Scouters and Guiders from the point of view of the essential qualities laid down for them ?

52. How should his training, preliminary and advanced, be organised ?

53. Do you think that school teachers make good Scouters/Guides ?

How can we get such persons to work ?

54. How should school teacher Scouters'/Guiders' total work in the School be arranged so as to give effective attention to scouting ?

55. Should any remuneration be given to him ? State your proposals.

56. Should any other facilities be given to him ?

57. What should be the status of the Scouters/Guiders in School vis-a-vis the A. C. C. and Physical Education teachers ?

SECTION VII.

58. English being out of the question in the new set-up, what should be the place of regional language vis-a-vis Hindi?

59. What should be the agency for the standardisation of terms in Hindi

60. Should the drill orders be common with the N. C. C., A. C. C and Physical Education programme?

61. How should the change-over to Hindi be phased?

SECTION VIII

62. Is finance the sole or the main handicap in the rapid spread of Scouting?

63. In the present method of State-grant to the Bombay State Bharat Scouts and Guides satisfactory?

64. (a) How is the Government grant to the State Bharat Scouts and Guides being utilised at present?

(b) What should be the basis of distributing the grant between the HQ and the decentralised organisation which you might visualise?

65. Is the present method of State grant to

(a) School Boards:

(b) Private Secondary schools, for scouting satisfactory? Suggest improvements If any.

66. What is the cost of raising groups-

(1) on uniform,
(2) on equipment,
(3) on annual camps.
(4) on the Scouters' Guiders' training
(5) sundries.

67. What should be the ratio for meeting the expenditure in schools on Scouting for the following:—

(1) State grant
(2) School Funds, and
(3) Donations including the Scouting the Scout's own contribution.

68 What steps should be taken to make the uniform

(1) free,
(2) partially free, and
(3) for whom?

69. What should be the cost of training a Scouter, Guider on-

(1) Uniform,
(2) Equipment, and
(3) Camp charges,
and how should this cost be met?

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OH! THE SECRETARY'S JOB.

"Oh! the Secretary's job, the hell of it;
If he writes a letter it is too long;
If he sends a post card it is too short.
If he attends a Committee Meeting, he is butting in;
If he stays away, he is a shirker.
If he offers a suggestion, he is a "Know-All";
If he says nothing, he is useless
If an attendance is poor, he should have called up the members;
If he calls them up, he is a pest.
If he asks a Member for a sub' he is insulting;
If he doesn't, he is lazy.
If the Meeting is a success, the Committee gets praise;
If it is a failure, the Secretary is to blame.
If he asks for advice, he is incompetent;
If he does not, he is swollen-headed.
Ashes to ashes, dust to dust;
If others won't do it the Secretary Must.".

The Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State

Circular to all District Commissioners (Scouts)

Subject :—Boy Scouts of America-Air Lift Exchange Project

Dear Brother Commissioner,

1. The Boy Scouts of America have in co-operation with the United States Air Force have arranged an exchange programme of Scouts from India, and they have allotted Six Scouts for India, Five Scouts and one leader.

2 In the United States, these Scouts would be the guests of local Scouts and will be accommodated in differeut families.

3. The party will be taken by American Air Force to U. S A. by air and brought back to India by air.

4. The whole trip would be completed in one month's time. The party will be staying in America for three weeks only. The party will have to leave for America sometime in the third week of March 1956 and will return to India in the fourth week of April 1956.

5. Each Scout joining the party must not be younger than sixteen years of age and not older than eighteen years of age, he must be able to speak and understand English, must have good health, must have written permission from parents, must be furnished with proper passport, and must have attained a first class standard, must be able to stand the inconveniences of travel, food etc. and must have some hobbies like music, drawing, singing, dancing, malkhamb, Asanas or some crafts by which he can make an impression on the American people about India.

6 Each Scout will be required to spend for, his personal kit and Scout uniform, travelling in India and a camp fee of Rs. 50/- per head for a Training camp in India before departure and also to pay 75 dollars to the Boy Scouts of America for their incidental expenses. In addition to this, they will have to provide themselves with some pocket money for any purchases they may want to make in America for which permission will have to be taken from the Reserve Bank of India. The approximate cost will come to

75 dollars equal to	Rs. 375/-
For uniform and kit	Rs. 300/-
Pocket money	Rs. 375/-
Travelling in India	Rs. 100/-
Camp fee in India	Rs. 50/-
	Rs 1,200/-

In case of emergency like illness, etc., the cost will have to be borne by the parents.

The Madras State is asked to send three names to the National Headquarters before 25th of January 1956 giving the following details and then out of these names the National Headquarters will select 5 Scouts by inviting them all at a convenient centre. The place and date will be announced later. The cost will have to be borne by the Scouts, wholly or partly.

Information required

Names and addresses of Scouts, giving particulars about their qualifications, Proficiency Badges earned, the number of years spent by them in Scouting, Educational qualifications, hobbies, certificates of consent of willingness to take the risks of air travel, medical fitness certificates, certificates of good behaviour, recommendations of the Scouters, District Commissioners and State Headquarters. The Scout must have been in the movement for atleast three years. He must also have a letter from parents of their willingness to spend Rs. 1,200/- for his ward

7. The Boy Scouts of America will do their best to make the stay of Scouts comfortable, but the Scout must be able to face smilingly inconvenience, if any.

8. Please note that as the time is very short, you should make special efforts to se .d us these names in time, i. e. before 25th January a the latest.

9. No application will be accepted after this date and no application which is not supported by necessary certificates mentioned above will be accepted.

10 The Passports and vaccination certificates will be required after selection.

11. The National Headquarters will make arrangements to invite five Scouts under one adult leader to India from America, and these Scouts will be the guests of India in this country.

This scheme is being finalised by the National Headquarters, but in the meantime they would like to make arrangements, so that preparations may be made in advance

May I request you, therefore to immediately let me know whether you have a Scout coming under these category suggested to send up for selection. I would like a reply on our before 23rd January 1956. Any information received after that day will not be accepted I know this is very short notice, but still the National Headquarters feels that an attempt could be made to select and send Scouts to America and take advantage of this "Air Lift Exchange Project"

Wenlock Park
Madras
6—1—1956

Yours in service,
(V S. RATNASABHAPATHY)
State Secretary.

VIGIL NIGHT

The THIRU VI. KA. ROVER CREW went through the "Vigil" under the leadership of Sri P. K. Krishna Murthy Secretary, Southern Railway Bharat Scouts & Guides, from 9-30 p.m. on Saturday the 31st December, 1955 till 8 a.m. on Sunday the 1st January, 1956.

Sri M. P. Devaraja Mudaliar, F.B.I. (Lond), President of the Crew spoke on Rovering & Service.

Sri K Devaraj, Rover Scout Leader explained the significance of Scout Law & Promise; Sri P. K. Krishna Murthy stressed the importance of avoiding the Several Rocks. He also conducted three self-examination tests; Sri V. M. Ranganathan, Headmaster, P. T. Lee Chengalvaroya Naicker's Elementary School, Madras spoke about God, Prayer, Discipline and Punctuality and enlightend the Rovers with his melodius songs.

The functions ended with "INVESTITURE CEREMONY" by the Rover Scout Leader and addressed by Miss L. Vedanayagam, District Commissioner, (Guides) West Madras, Sri Thiagaraja Pillai, District Commissioner (Scouts) West Madras and Sri T. Jayaram Mudaliar, Warden, C N. Orphanage.

The Crew Scribe proposed a vote of Thanks.

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WEST MADRAS BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES

Silver Jubilee Celebrations

23, 24 Jan. '56		Variety Entertainment (Girl Guides)—T. E. L. C. Girls School, Vepery.
25	,,	Patrol Leaders' Day—C. N. O. Grounds, Vepery
26	,,	Cubs and Bulbuls Day—Kilpauk (C. S. I. School)
27	,,	Old Scouts & Guides Day—Sir M. Ct. M. High School grounds.
28	,,	Jubilee Day—Sir M. Ct. M. High School grounds, Vepery.

H. E. Shri Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras presides—Subscription Dinner at 8 P. M. at 'Dasa Prakash' Vepery.

All Scouters and Guiders are cordially invited to all the functions.

K. GOVINDACHARI
President:
Dt. Association & Convenor, Jubilee Celebrations

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Assistant State Commissioner, Bharat Scouts & Guides

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CYCLONE RELIEF

Sri S. R. Chandran, informs us that 32 Scouters from Tanjore rendered Relief Work at Arantangi.

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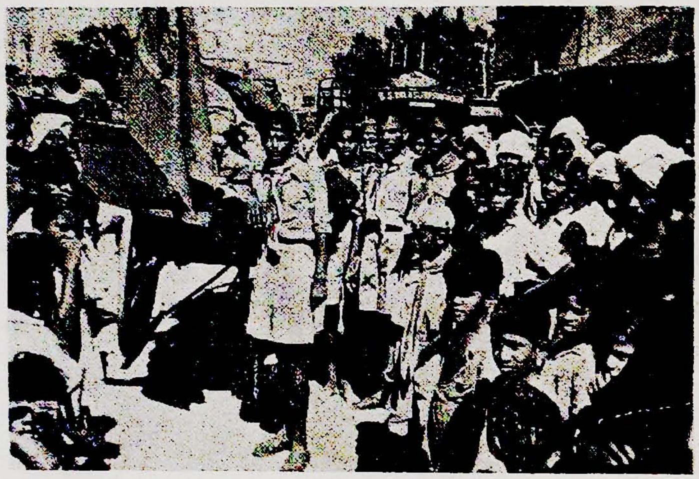
Sri D. S. Chelliah, Assistant District Commissioner at Theni informs us that with the help of Sri Chidambara Nadar, the Scouts of the place rendered valuable service to the victims of the recent cyclone by collecting clothes and food material and rushing them to the affected areas. Photos of this are published elsewhere.

 Regd. No. M. 4171



Scouts collecting food-grains and clothes in the Streets of Theni.

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